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RAILROADS ELECTRIFIED IN SLOVAKIA -- Lud, No 130, 3 June 49

The Five-Year Plan places more responsibility upon the Czechoslovak Railroads. The greatest emphasis being placed on the electrification of railroads in Slovakia.

A general plan was worked out for electrifying the 165 kilometers of the Zilina-Spisska Nova Ves rail line within the framework of the Two-Year Plan. On the basis of this plan, preliminary work connected with the relectrification of the Zilina-Vrutky-Turany mad Vahom rail line was quarted in the spring of 1949. Accordingly, the first electric trollcy poles and overhead cables will be in place by the end of this year. The excavation for the first trolley pole at the Varin railroad station near Zi:int will be celebrated on 12 June. This will mark the first official electrification of a railroad line in Czechoslovakia.

NEW RAILROAD STATION FOR HORNE OPATOVCE -- Ind, No 130, 3 June 49

A new railway station in Horne Opatovce was recently opened to public use in the presence of representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and the People's Administration.

NEW BRIDGE DEDICATED -- Lidova Demokracie, No 150, 28 Jun 49

The newly built bridge across the Morava River in the vicinity of the Slovak obec of Lanzhot, connecting the Czech Provinces with Slovakia, was officially turned over to the public on 26 June. The old bridge was destroyed in 1945 by the Germans. The new bridge, 89 meters long, was built in two stages at a cost of 15,500,000 crowns. It has been named the "Bridge of Czechoslovak Brotherhood."

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NEW BUS LINES TO BE OPENED -- Lua, No 130, 3 June 49

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According to the Five-Year Plan, approximately 60 new bus lines are to be established in Presov Kraj. Okres representatives requested and recommended that 17 new lines be established in Presov Kraj in 1950, stating that these were the most important to the kraj.

TELEPHONE CENTRAL EXPANDS -- Praca, No 149, 3 June 49

On 4 June, the Post Office Administration will announce the expansion of the automatic telephone central in Mitra. The original exchange serving 50 subscribers and installed prior to 1938 expanded to 1,000 subscribers during the war. Subsequent growth necessitates the installation of an additional 500 telephone connections.

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